Pilferaging/sabotage in petro-product pipelines

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to act tough on pilferage and sabotage of the crude oil/product pipelines by miscreants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of incidents act pilferaging and sabotaging of petroleum pipelines have come to the notice of Government;

(d) if so, the total loss suffered to Governments as a result thereof; and

(e) to what extent the new Act will protect petroleum pipelines in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) have taken various measures to curb incidents of thefts/sabotage/ pilferages in co-ordination with respective State Governments. However, no proposal for amendment in the existing laws is under consideration.

(c) and (d) The amount of losses suffered due to pilferage, sabotage and damage of crude oil & petroleum product in respect of ONGC and OIL during last three years are as under:

Year	Amount of Losses
2005	69,335 Ltrs.
2006	96,360 Ltrs.
2007	86,625 Ltrs.

In all these cases, First Information Reports (FIRs) were duly lodged with respective Police Stations. In most of the cases the amount lost was recovered and the net losses were negligible.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Fuel transportation cost in Gujarat

1195. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is facing injustice in energy costing by incurring higher transportation cost on coal but paying the same transportation charge as hinterland State in case of gas;

(b) whether Government to mitigate the hardships is not feeling that Gujarat State should be allowed the benefit in terms of lower cost for transporting as over shorter distance *vis-a-vis* hinterland States, as per the practice followed for transportation of coal; and